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SUBJECT: FBIS STAFF INCREASE

1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTEREST IN IMPROVING INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OF THE MUSLIM WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE "ARC OF CRISIS" AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST, HAS GENERATED ADDITIONAL TASKING OF FBIS (FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE) OPEN SOURCE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA. CONGRESS HAS SUPPORTED THIS NEED WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

3. INCLUDED IN THE FBIS PLAN RESPONDING TO THIS ADDITIONAL TASKING IS THE INCREASE OF ITS U.S. STAFF IN TEL AVIV BY ONE POSITION--A REGIONAL CRUISING MONITOR. FBIS EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE ANTENNA FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT ITS TEL AVIV BUREAU AS WELL AS ITS CENTRALLY LOCATED GEOGRAPHIC POSITION MAKE THAT AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR CRUISING (SCANNING THE RADIO SPECTRUM FOR BROADCASTS, FREQUENCIES, ETC.) FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHWEST ASIA AREA.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL.  
CHRISTOPHER

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State Dept. review completed

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